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Union Minister Kiren Rijiju has informed that the construction of the upcoming Arunachal Frontier Highway project will begin soon in the border areas of Arunachal Pradesh. In a video message, Mr. Rijiju said the project is one of the biggest and most difficult projects of the country. He further said the state's dream to have a highway along the border areas is finally going to be fulfilled. He has appealed to all civil societies, MLAs, Panchayat leaders and youths of the state to co-operate with the government for its successful completion within a stipulated time.

The fifth meeting of the Task Force for the Development of Tourism in North East states was held in New Delhi today. In the meeting, the discussion centred on strategies for capacity building, training policies, marketing and promotion efforts for the development of tourism in Northeastern states. The meeting was attended among others by the officials from Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. Representatives from various Central ministries, Confederation of Indian Industry and other private partners were also present in the meeting.

Sela Tunnel has been recognised as the Highest Tunnel in the country by the International Book of Honour, England on 7th of this month. The 2.598-km long tunnel is built by Border Road Organization (BRO) at an altitude of 13000 ft on Tezpur-Tawang road ensuring year-long connectivity to the strategic region of Arunachal Pradesh.

Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly Speaker PD Sona today attended a joint meeting of the Executive Committee, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Zone-III, and the Executive Council, North East Regional Institute of Parliamentary Studies, Training & Research (NERIPSTR) at Guwahati in Assam.

He has congratulated Nagaland Assembly Speaker Sharingain Longkumar on being elected as the new Chairman of CPA India Region Zone-III cum President of North East Regional Institute of Parliamentary Studies and Speaker Meghalaya Thomas A Sangma as its Vice Chairman and Vice President.

A new variety of catfish has been discovered recently by the researchers of Indian Council of Agricultural Research - National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources (ICAR-NBFGR) from Tung stream, a tributary of Tissa river in Tirap district. The catfish *Glyptothorax Punyabratai* is named after the founding Director of ICAR-NBFGR.

The India Meteorological Department has forecasted that heavy rainfall is likely over the Northeast India today. Meanwhile, the Meteorological Centre Itanagar has forecasted that except for Lower Subansiri, Leparada, Lower Siang, East Siang and Namsai districts, all other remaining districts are in yellow alert zone. These districts will have thunderstorm with lightning very likely at isolated places. Meanwhile, the Meteorological Centre Itanagar has forecasted partly cloudy sky with one or two spells of rain or thundershowers at Itanagar and Naharlagun today with Maximum Temperature of 27.6 °Celsius and Minimum temperature of 22.4 °Celsius. Further, the Rainfall till 5:30 pm was 1.4 millimetres.

The Golden Jubilee Capital Complex Dree Badminton Tournament 2024 started today and it will continue till 12th of this month at Dree ground in Papu Nallah. A total of 109 participants will participate in the categories of under 14 singles for Boys and Girls, Open category of Singles, Doubles and Mixed for Men and Women, Veteran (Men) Singles and Doubles, Super Veteran (Men) for the age group of 50 years and above. Meanwhile, the official T-shirt of Golden Jubilee Capital Complex Dree Celebration T-shirts was also launched today.

A Model Immunization Centre at PHC Chimpu was inaugurated by Deputy Commissioner Itanagar, Shweta Nagarkoti Mehta today. Later, the DC also inspected the health centre and took stock of its functioning. Later, the Deputy Commissioner also inspected Health and Wellness Centre at Ganga and Lobi and UPHC Itafort. Further, she urged all the medical officers and health workers to be diligent and regular in performing their duties. She also enquired about the Outreach programs, awareness, door to door vaccination, availability of generic medicines.

Itanagar Capital Police have busted an interstate sex racket running in the capital city. Police had conducted raid at an alleged brothel cum residence of a person named Techhi Rina Ania and Jamlo Tagung at Chimpu on May 4 this month and rescued three minor

girls. Two of the minor girls were trafficked to Itanagar from Dhemaji, Assam and were forced into prostitution. Police has informed that the minor girls have been sent to the rescue home. The third one is the daughter of alleged accused Tagung from his first marriage, who is now reunited to her mother. Meanwhile, the Capital Police have arrested 18 people in this connection till Friday. The Child Welfare Committee were informed about the rescued victims and a case has been registered under POCSO Act in Women Police Station in Itanagar.